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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 5, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor, City Council members

FROM: Timothy A. Miller, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Dog Waste Stations

DISCUSSION

The Tuolumne County Land Trust has offered to donate one dog waste station and work with donors from the community to obtain funds to donate at least two additional stations. These units would be placed strategically downtown to facilitate the collection and disposal of dog waste. They may be self-contained with both a dog mitt dispenser and trash receptacle; or, just the dispenser which would require the use of the existing waste receptacles for disposal (see attached examples).

The merchants in attendance at the February 28th Town Hall meeting supported the proposal. Staff is recommending that the Council endorse the proposal and refer the matter to the Vision Sonora Design and Marketing Committee to work with the Trust for implementation.

Proposal: Donate 3 Dog Waste Stations to the City of Sonora 2018

Proposal - The Tuolumne County Land Trust intends to donate 1 Dog Waste Station to the City of Sonora. We are challenging our partners to do the same. We are approaching other agencies/organizations to match our purchase until we have 3 or more stations. The purpose of this proposal is to help manage the unsightly and smelly dog waste by making it easier for dog owners to take responsibility for their animal, thus improving the health and safety of downtown Sonora. This will improve the visitor experience for tourists and reduce pollution of the local watershed. The Dog Waste Stations would consist of a T post with a trash receptacle, a 400 glove dog mitt dispenser and signage. Each station costs a little less than $200. We are not beholden to this design, it is meant as a reference. The stations would be formally presented as a gift/donation to the City of Sonora, and would be theirs to maintain. It is hoped that the City would place them in accessible areas – such as near the trolley stop at Courthouse Park. It is envisioned that the City would be contacted ahead of time so as to be in agreement.

Situation- Sonora's picturesque Gold Rush-era downtown attracts thousands of visitors each year. Each day, regardless of whether the merchants are open for business, the downtown receives hundreds of pedestrians and day-long foot traffic - from early morning locals walking their dogs to after-hours visitors strolling the streets. With the City of Sonora sitting on terrain that drains into Sonora Creek it is becoming increasingly apparent that dog waste left on the streets, sidewalks, parks, and on any patch of exposed ground can end up in our watershed.

In the interest of health and safety, taking care of our watersheds and public spaces and reducing this unattractive nuisance, the Tuolumne County Land Trust Board would like your agency to join us in collectively addressing this problem in a positive manner with this donation.

We are respectfully requesting that this proposal be put before your board for consideration. The Tuolumne County Land Trust board president, Brian Kermeen would be happy to discuss this matter further with you. We believe as partners, we can come up with the right dog waste station solution for our community, even if it costs more than $200. Brian can be reached at 209.743.2033.

Thank you and we look forward to working together. Please contact Brian if you would like a board presentation.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY LAND TRUST, INC.

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STATION
PLEASE CLEAN UP
AFTER YOUR DOG
please clean up
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dog waste bag

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Dog Waste Bags